

# Educational Department

Conducted by County Superintendent Crocker

Miss Miller, of the Falls City High School, planned a Girls' Basket-ball Tournament for last Friday. The plan was to have three games—Verdon vs. Falls City; Dawson vs. Humboldt; and then the winners were to play for championship, but the threatening weather spoiled the plans. However, the Verdon High School came down and played a game with Falls City. The score was 15 to 2 in favor of Falls City.

Two of our High Schools have already organized Literary and Debating clubs. They are planning in good time for the regular High School Debating Contest to be held in connection with the spring meeting of the Richardson County Teachers' Association. It is time to get the debating work started.

## TO HIGH SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Are you sure that your high school pupils, and in fact, all the pupils in the school in which you teach, know what your school colors are? Every school should have standard colors, and every pupil in the school should know the colors and be proud to wear them. Keep your school patriotism alive!

Last week Miss Jannie Brown resigned her position as teacher in Dist. No. 104, and now she is Mrs. Clyde Bierly. The teachers of Richardson County extend congratulations. The County Superintendent does not tell secrets, but the birds are saying, that two more of our lady teachers are to be married during the Holidays.

To the teachers—If you do not have quarterly report cards, please send for them.

Jennie Gravatt reports an enrollment of 19

Dist 96—Vivian Aten, teacher. We have satisfactorily finished the first quarter and are trying to make this an improvement over the last: We find the Hubbell Mathematical charts a very convenient and successful method of teaching numbers. We have 23 regular attendants on our roll just now and of these 4 were neither absent nor tardy last month. Four more were perfect in attendance and two had no tardy marks against them. We have a system of stars for marking attendance, which arouses a healthful rivalry for perfect records. Our school will give a box supper Dec. 3rd.

The Richardson County Teachers' Association has a "CONSCIENCE FUND." Saturday evening the County Superintendent received the following letter:

"Here is a nickel which I owe you. Last night a crowd of us went to the lecture and you were told that I went to school so I was let in on 10c. So to make everything right I will send you the 5c." No name signed. We cannot avoid mentioning in this connection, that several people have borrowed books from the County Superintendent in the past.

It is a sad fact that about 1-4 of our schools do not have a large wall map of the United States. It is a shame, too, that this is true. A large wall map is a silent, but constant and powerful teacher. While looking at this map, the child learns unconsciously, and the forms and relative size of the states are fixed indelibly in his mind. A teacher can make splendid use of a wall map every day. Then why are so many schools without a wall map of the United States? It is easily answered; and it is no more the fault of the school board than it is the fault of the teacher. If the teachers make their wants known in the right way, the boards will usually get the supplies needed. The County Superintendent has in his office 25 splendid wall maps of the United States. These are for the schools that need them. Teachers and school boards are asked to call or send for them. They are free but it costs 15c to mail out.

Dist. No. 77—D. D. Houtz, teacher—We will have vacation during next week. Pupils are showing a desire to learn and are doing good work. Attendance is good reaching 98 per cent the last month.

Last week one of the merchants of Verdon offered a prize of \$10 to the person unloading the largest load of people in front of his store. We concluded that this was a good opportunity to add to our library fund. So we induced some of the patrons of the school to bring a four horse team harnessed to a hay wagon and loading on the school and other members of the district until the number reached 77 persons, we took them to Verdon and unloaded at the store, easily winning the prize.

In a school we visited a few weeks ago the teacher had no place on his program for writing. "Why is this?" we asked and the teacher replied "Oh, we do not have time for writing." The teacher was told to take time for writing. Reading, writing and arithmetic are our three R's the tripod of education. Do not leave out either one of them. It

is the duty of each teacher to have at least three definite periods each week for writing with pen and ink, and every pupil in the school should be required to take part. Yes with pen and ink—lead pencil work is not sufficient. It is the duty of the school board to furnish all necessary writing material for the entire school, and it is the duty of the teacher to ask the school board to get this material.

## THE TEACHERS' MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Richardson County Teachers' Association was held in Falls City, Friday evening and Saturday, Nov. 11th and 12th. The program as published in the Educational Department last week was successfully carried out. The Friday evening Session was held in the Methodist church. The room was well filled. The efforts of the Falls City high school chorus were well received. Dr. Barbour's lecture was simply grand in every sense of the word, and was thoroughly enjoyed by all. During the business meeting resolutions were adopted. We have space for only two paragraphs: "Resolved, that we tender the thanks of the Association to the Falls City Board of Education for the use of the Central School Building.

We heartily endorse the movement for uniformity of textbooks. We earnestly approve and re-endorse (for the 4th time) our recommended list, and urge school officers to introduce these books as soon as their means will possibly permit.

Marie Crotty,  
Edna Brown,  
C. M. French,  
Committee.

We regret that we do not have space to speak of the good things on the program. Each teacher did well. The records show that the following teachers were present.

E. R. Huff, Iva Lowe, Nellie Davison, Bea Riley, Florence Judd Pearl Cunningham, Elizabeth Thomas, Florence Lesley, Marie Crotty, A. E. Knisely, Nellie Dunn Laura Aikman, Agnes Moran, Prof. J. W. Watson, Alpha Roberts, Florence Acott, Carrie E. Boyd, Nora Fenton, Supt. R. L. Hoff, Osher, Schlaifer, Josephine Duras, Rose Novak, Ione Norton, Daisy Morris, Maud Tosland, Ada Allen, Elizabeth Brecht, J. R. Reed, Mary Wiltse, Prin. C. M. French, Cecil Kanaly, Mrs. Besie Brinegar, Julia Cronin, Verna Vastine, H. L. Kloeppel, C. H. Wiltse, Lizzie Hossack, Supt. W. H. Pillsbury, Prin. E. L. Tobie, Elenora Miller, Mary Davies, John Roberts, Mable Bridges, Elsie Foster, Grace Saylor, Prin. Cora Botts, Pearl Hanna, Josie

Graves, Mrs. Emma Snyder, Maggie Fergus, Lizzie Naylor, Maud Heck, Ethel Barker, Prin. S. F. Feuerstein, Alvirda Allen, Oris French, Minnie I. Jennings, Edward Hodapp, Florence Jones, Prof. T. J. Olivar, Gustay Herr, Nena Emmert, Lizzie Morris, Edna Brown, Clara Babb, Prof. I. G. Wilson, Maud Montgomery, Sadie Joy, Mrs. I. G. Wilson, Jennie Thompson, Mabel Whitaker, Alice Douglas, Della Knisely, A. L. Knisely, Clara Laughrey, Nellie Hanna, Frances Kelly, Lillith Waggener, Prin. C. James, T. J. Waggener, May C. Crawford, Vernetta Shier, Martha Kernen, Alice McCray, A. D. Larrabee, Ollie Bain, Prof. P. W. Carr, Amelia Nusbaum, Minnie Jones, Carrie Dietrich, Myra Shrauger—Others—Evangelyne Vance, Prof. P. D. Smith, Winnie Ryan, Mable Macomber, C. W. Tucker.

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